

TRIBUTE TO THE AUXILIARY OF  
RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY HOS-  
PITAL ON THEIR 75th ANNIVER-  
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**HON. KEN CALVERT**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 1, 2001*

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, my congressional district in Riverside, California is extremely fortunate to have a dynamic and dedicated group of community volunteers who willingly and unselfishly give of their time and talents to ensure the well-being of our city and county. These individuals work tirelessly to enrich and brighten the lives of so many at Riverside Community Hospital. It is my distinct pleasure to honor and commend the Auxiliary of Riverside Community Hospital today as they celebrate their 75th Anniversary on April 28th.

Volunteers of the Auxiliary of Riverside Community Hospital have donated millions of hours of service to the hospital and the community over the last 75 years. Fund-raising before 1997 helped to significantly improve services at the hospital. And since then, the Auxiliary has raised \$50,000 for defibrillators for the Riverside City Fire Department, \$75,000 for a mobile health vehicle to deliver free health services throughout the riverside area, and most recently \$50,000 for dental equipment and \$25,000 for health educational materials for the Eastside Health Center. The Auxiliary volunteers also raise funds for educational scholarships and seminars.

Volunteers of the Auxiliary give over 60,000 volunteer service hours a year to the riverside Community Hospital in addition to all of their community work. Services that Auxiliary volunteers perform to augment the quality of health care at the hospital include: Discharging patients, clerical work, visiting patients, information desk, messenger service, maternity tea, lobby host and much more.

As we approach National Volunteer Week, from April 21 to April 28, it is fitting that we thank the Auxiliary volunteers for their dedication and service to better the lives committed to Riverside Community Hospital's care and the enriched atmosphere that their presence creates. 2001's designation as International Year of Volunteers also reminds us that the men, women and youth across our nation who volunteer deserve recognition and thanks for giving back to their local community, state and nation.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the Auxiliary of Riverside Community Hospital on its 75th anniversary and commend its local community and city service.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF AR-  
THUR I. CERALDI ON HIS AP-  
POINTMENT TO ATTEND THE  
UNITED STATES NAVAL ACAD-  
EMY

**HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 1, 2001*

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to an outstanding young man from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am happy to announce that Arthur I. Ceraldi of Oak Harbor, Ohio, has been offered an appointment to attend the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland.

Mr. Speaker, Arthur's offer of appointment poises him to attend the United States Naval Academy this fall with the incoming midshipman class of 2005. Attending one of our nation's military academies is an invaluable experience that offers a world-class education and demands the very best that these young men and women have to offer. Truly, it is one of the most challenging and regarding undertakings of their lives.

Arthur brings an enormous amount of leadership, service and dedication to the incoming class of Naval Academy Midshipmen. While attending Oak Harbor High School, Arthur has attained a grade point average of 3.75, which places him 21 in a class of 175. Arthur is a member of the National Honor Society, and received a superior rating at the Ohio State Science Fair during his sophomore year.

Outside the classroom, Arthur has distinguished himself as an excellent student-athlete. On the fields of competition, Arthur has earned varsity letters in football, track and swimming where he is the team captain. Arthur has also been active in the Boy Scouts, the French Club, the Science Club, the Varsity Club, and Buckeye Boys State.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to rise today to pay special tribute to Arthur Ceraldi. Our service academies offer the finest education and military training available anywhere in the world. I am confident that Arthur will do very well during his career at the Naval Academy and I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing him well as he begins his service to the nation.

COMMEMORATING RETIREMENT  
OF J. RICHARD HARRIS FROM  
THE OFFICE OF DEVELOPMENT  
AT LEHMAN CATHOLIC HIGH  
SCHOOL

**HON. JOHN A. BOEHNER**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 1, 2001*

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, at 78 years of age, Mr. J. Richard Harris remains an active member of the Piqua community. Dick is a Troy native and graduate of Troy High School. He served his country during World War II in the US Navy and saw active duty aboard the U.S.S. *Bunker Hill* and the U.S.S. *Wasp*. Upon his return to Ohio, he served on the Highway Patrol Auxiliary and worked for Waco Airplane

Company in Troy before becoming advertising director and later publisher of the Piqua Daily Call. He also worked for the Piqua Battery Company for a number of years before opening a Development Office at the Lehman Catholic High School in the late 1980's.

During his 12-year tenure at Lehman, he helped raise over \$5.5 million in the Twenty-First Century capital campaign to benefit the school. He remains active with the Piqua Area Chamber of Commerce and founded the Piqua Ambassadors, a group dedicated to promoting the city of Piqua and its communities. He has served as a United Fund chairman and has continued his work with Border City Savings & Loan, the YWCA and the YMCA.

In both a professional and personal capacity, Mr. Harris has gone above and beyond in providing service to his community. His hard work and dedication should serve as an example for us all. Every American should aspire to this kind of enthusiastic commitment to service. I am proud to know and represent a person like Dick Harris in Congress. A hard-working man who has spent his life striving to live up to the ideals that will help insure our country remains a great place to live with hope and opportunity for all.

IN HONOR OF CLAIRE A. VAN  
UMMERSEN, PH.D.

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 1, 2001*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the tireless efforts of Dr. Van Ummersen. Dr. Claire A. Van Ummersen has gone above and beyond her duty in furthering the mission of Cleveland State University as one of the great urban universities in the nation.

Dr. Claire Van Ummersen became president of Cleveland State University in April of 1993. Since that time, she has granted diplomas to over 20,000 graduates. Under her leadership, Cleveland University executed an extensive building construction program and implemented several resourceful degree programs. The University's endowment grew fourfold during her tenure. Recently, the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Institutions of Higher Education suggested that Cleveland State University be honored continuing accreditation without qualification for the next ten years.

Prior to her appointment at Cleveland State University, Dr. Van Ummersen facilitated as chancellor of the University System of New Hampshire. She also served as a vice chancellor of the Massachusetts Board of Regents of Higher Education.

Dr. Van Ummersen has been continuously active on numerous boards and commissions. She earned her B.S. summa cum laude from Tufts University. Furthering her education, she earned an M.S. and a Ph.D. from the same university. Achieving high honors in her field of study, Dr. Claire Van Ummersen has been awarded two honorary Doctor of Science degrees, and she is a member of both Phi Beta Kappa and Sigma Xi honorary societies.